



The
**24th Annual
BHF Conference**
CAPE TOWN ICC | 10-14 MAY 2025

Conference Programme

CONFERENCE THEME

In an era of rapid change, healthcare reform is being reshaped by evolving health needs, rising consumer expectations, and the demand for systems that deliver value. Sustainability across the African region requires bold, transformative partnerships that enable new capabilities; expand access; and build resilient, value-driven systems for a sustainable future that works for everyone.

This year's conference theme, *"Collaborating for Value: Partnerships Transforming the Future of Healthcare – Uniting Parallels,"* reflects our focus on strategic alliances that drive innovation, equity, and sustainability across the health ecosystem.

CPD POINT ALLOCATION

For HPCSA Registered Attendee

- Clinical Workshop Day 1 = 7 Ethics
- Day 2 = 8 Ethics
- Day 3 = 6 Ethics, 2 Clinical
- Day 4 = 7 Ethics (2 Clinical for Stream 8)
- Day 5 = 4 Ethics

For Registered HPCSA Medical Professional Presenter/s

- 2 Points per hour when presenting

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Summary of Events

EVENT	DATES	TIMES
Exhibition Setup	10 May 2025	06:00 – 24:00
Delegate Registration	10 May 2025	14:00 – 16:30
Clinical Workshop	10 May 2025	09:00 – 16:00
BHF Golf Challenge	11 May 2025	10:00
Delegate Registration	11 May 2025	07:00 – 17:00
Governance Workshop	11 May 2025	09:00 – 15:00
Opening Ceremony	11 May 2025	17:00 – 20:00
Networking cocktail	11 May 2025	20:00 – 22:00
Exhibition	11 - 14 May 2025	07:00 – 18:00
Delegate Registration	12 May 2025	08:00 – 15:00
Plenary Session	12-14 May 2025	08:00 – 16:00
Titanium Awards Gala Event	12 May 2025	19:00 till late
Parallel workshops	13 May 2025	11:30 – 17:00
Exhibition Breakdown	14 May 2025	13:30

Saturday, 10 May 2025

Clinical Workshop: 09:00 – 16:00

Programme Director: Dr. Stan Moloabi, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer - GEMS

Workshop theme:

The Future of Healthcare: Multidisciplinary Partnerships for Patient-Centred Excellence

Workshop Summary:

This workshop will explore how multidisciplinary teams can drive innovation, improve patient outcomes, and adapt to healthcare reforms such as National Health Insurance (NHI). Experts from different sectors will share insights on how to break silos; align roles; and enhance care co-ordination for better health system sustainability.

Who needs to attend this session:

Medical professionals: doctors, medical advisors, nurses, specialists and other healthcare professionals seeking to advance their clinical skills and stay informed and up to date around the latest advances in healthcare.

CLINICAL WORKSHOP: 09:00–16:00

VENUE: CTICC 1

SESSION 1

09:00 – 09:05	Programme Overview: Dr Stan Moloabi, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer, GEMS
09:05 – 09:30	Emerging Trends Shaping Healthcare Delivery: Challenges, Innovations & Opportunities Professor Taryn Young, Distinguished Professor – Stellenbosch University
09:35 – 10:20	Aligning with Universal Health Coverage & Healthcare Reform - Understanding the evolving healthcare landscape and policy shifts - How NHI and other reforms impact healthcare professionals' roles Dr Magome Masike, Registrar – Health Professions Council SA (HPCSA) & Dr Rajesh Patel, Head of Health Systems Strengthening – BHF
10:30 – 11:10	AI & The Future of Medicine – Enhancing, Not Replacing, Clinical Decision-Making <i>How AI can support clinicians in diagnostics, treatment planning, and personalised medicine.</i> Dr Brian Ruff, Technical Strategist – PPO Serve, and Nomfundo Khabela, Strategic Relationship Executive – Healthbridge
11:10 – 11:45	NETWORKING TEA BREAK

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Saturday, 10 May 2025

CLINICAL WORKSHOP: 09:00–16:00		VENUE: CTICC 1
SESSION 2		
The Power of Multidisciplinary Collaboration - Who Owns the Patient Journey?		
11:45 – 12:05	Why multidisciplinary teamwork is critical for modern medicine Professor Joseph Arthur Rantloane, Chairperson - Medical & Dental Professions Board, HPCSA	
12:10 – 12:30	Strengthening coordination between general practitioners, specialists, nurses, pharmacists, and allied health professionals <i>Clarifying roles in multidisciplinary teams to optimise care, reduce costs and improve outcomes.</i> Dr Lerato Motshudi, Medical Director – Akeso	
12:35 –13:05	Cancer Care: A multidisciplinary approach Dr Sarah Nietz, Breast Surgeon	
13:10 – 14:10	NETWORKING LUNCH	
SESSION 3		
14:10 – 14:30	Dying with Dignity – Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations End-of-life care, palliative medicine, and ethical decision-making in terminal illness management. Professor Joseph Raimondo, Executive Member – DignitySA; Associate Professor of Neuroscience – University of Cape Town	
14:35 – 15:00	Ethical & Legal Considerations in Modern Healthcare Informed Consent in the Age of Data Privacy – Navigating POPIA & patient autonomy in digital healthcare Dr Brenda Kubheka, Co-founder and Managing Director of Health – IQ Consulting and Co-founder of Matched Media	
15h05 – 15:40	The evolution of the consultation process: past and present - Staying current: advances in diagnostics and treatment regimens - Clinical condition management in contemporary practice Professor Graham Hukins, Associate Professor in Innovation and Research – North-West University	
15:55	SESSION CLOSURE	
Event kindly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS), Event Partners: Northwest University Enterprises; Health Professions Council (HPCSA), and Case Manager Association of South Africa		

Sunday, 11 May 2025

Governance Workshop: 09:00 – 15:30

Programme Director: Dr Pontsho Mokoena, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer, Barmed

WORKSHOP THEME

Strengthening Governance for Sustainable UHC: Empowering Boards to Deliver Value, Drive Strategy, and Protect Members' Interests

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

As the healthcare landscape continues to evolve, trustees and healthcare leaders must navigate the complexities of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and National Health Insurance (NHI) while ensuring the sustainability and good governance of medical schemes. This workshop will provide critical insights into governance best practices, compliance challenges, strategic leadership, and member-centric decision-making to equip trustees and healthcare funders with the tools needed for effective oversight.

GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP: 09:00 – 15:30		VENUE: CTICC 1
SESSION 1		
09:00 – 09:05	Programme Overview: Neo Khauoe, BHF Chairperson & Principal Officer – Polmed	
09:05 – 09:25	Understanding the Role of Trustees in a Changing Healthcare Landscape – Putting Members First <i>Context of medical schemes amid NHI, affordability challenges, and regulatory shifts.</i> Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director – BHF	
09:25 – 10:15	The Draft King V Code – Its Potential Impact on Governance and Strategic Change in Medical Schemes <i>Currently in draft stage, the King V Code on Corporate Governance is open for public comment</i> Michael Judin, Partner and Joint owner at Judin Combrinck Inc.	
10:15 – 10:40	Treating Customers Fairly (TCF) – Are Medical Schemes Truly Putting Members First? Wendy Knowler, Consumer Journalist	
10:40 – 11:05	NETWORKING TEA BREAK	
SESSION 2		
11:05 – 11:50	Beyond the SLA: Designing Value-Based Contracts for Administrators and Managed Care Partners Dr Vuyo Gqola, COO – GEMS & Professor Graham Hukins, Health Systems Strategist & Associate Professor in Innovation and Research at North-West University	

Sunday, 11 May 2025

GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP: 09:00 – 15:30

VENUE: CTICC 1

SESSION 3

12:00 – 12:25 **Fiduciary Responsibility and Member-Centric Governance in Medical Schemes**
Phindile Mabaso, Senior Associate – KHR Inc

12:30 – 12:55 **Governance Solutions for your scheme**
Michelle Beneke, Director – Michelle Beneke Attorneys Inc.

13:00 – 13:25 **Regulatory Overreach vs Regulatory Oversight**
Jac Marais, Partner – Adams & Adams

13:30 - 14:30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

SESSION 4

14:30 – 15:20 **INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP**
Trustees’ Role in Leading Sustainable Healthcare: Strengthening Oversight, Driving Value, and Navigating Change
Moderated by: Dr Pontsho Mokoena – Programme Director

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

This interactive session is designed to empower trustees to lead with confidence, agility, and accountability in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. Instead of formal presentations, expect open dialogue, peer learning, and real-time problem-solving.

Key focus areas:

- Strengthening Board Oversight: Practical strategies to enhance governance, fiduciary responsibility, and ethical leadership.
- Balancing Financial Sustainability and Member Value: Tools to align benefit design, cost management, and member impact.
- Navigating Regulatory Change: Preparing boards for NHI, affordability pressures, and evolving reforms while maintaining agility.

PANELLISTS

- Dr Vuyo Gqola, COO - GEMS
- Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director, BHF
- Prof Graham Hukins, Health Systems Strategist & Associate Professor in Innovation and Research, North-West University
- Phindile Mabaso, Associate, KHR Inc
- Michelle Beneke, Director, Michelle Beneke Attorneys Inc.

Sunday, 11 May 2025

17h30-20h30

Opening Ceremony

Programme Director: Nokuzola Mtshiya,

Head: Stakeholder Relations and Business Development - BHF

THEME

Unlocking Transformational Impact Through Partnerships

VENUE		CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
17:30 – 17:45	ARRIVAL	
17:50 – 18:10	OPENING ADDRESS BHF Chairperson: Neo Khauoe, BHF Chairperson & Principal Officer - Polmed	
18:10 – 18:40	GUEST SPEAKER: The Grand Experiment: Lessons from the GNU for healthcare Dr Pali Lehohla, Board Member – Institute for Economic Justice and Former Statistician General	
18:45 – 19:20	Keynote Address: Uniting parallels - Bridging Divides to Transform Healthcare Professor Bonang Mohale, Chancellor – University of the Free State; Member of the World Economic Forum's Community of Chairpersons	
19:25 – 20:25	The AI Revolution Dr Adam Pantanowitz, Entrepreneur, Impact Investor, Speaker, and Singularity University Faculty	
<i>Opening Ceremony kindly sponsored by AstraZeneca's Phakamisa NCD program AV kindly powered by Universal Healthcare (Pty) Ltd</i>		
20:30 – 22:30	NETWORKING COCKTAIL FUNCTION	CTICC 2 Hall 9 and 10
<i>The cocktail function is kindly sponsored by AstraZeneca's Phakamisa NCD program</i>		

Monday, 12 May 2025 (Plenary Session 1)

Programme Director: Gugulethu Mfuphi, Radio Broadcaster

SESSION OVERVIEW

This opening plenary will assess the impact of healthcare collaborations in Africa and globally. We will explore whether current partnerships are driving sustainable transformation or falling short amid rising costs, deepening inequalities, and the global shift toward UHC. The session will also reflect on lessons from recent donor funding shifts, including the PEPFAR freeze, highlighting the urgent need for resilient, locally-led solutions. We will examine the evolving role of health insurers as they move from passive funders to active partners in reform—leveraging data, innovation, and value-based care to shape more collaborative and effective health systems rooted in African realities.

VENUE	CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
THEME: Healthcare Partnerships – Game-Changer or a fad	
07:00 – 07:50	TEA ON ARRIVAL (CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10)
08:05 – 08:20	OPENING REFLECTIONS: BHF MD’s perspective on partnership, policy and progress Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director - BHF
08:20 – 08:50	GUEST SPEAKER: Global partnerships for Pandemic Preparedness: Lessons from the WHO Global Agreement Precious Matsoso, Adjunct Professor at Sunway University & co-chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body for the development of a legal instrument, a Pandemic Convention – World Health Organization (WHO)
08:50 – 09:20	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: From Payers to Partners: The New Global Role of Health Insurers in System Transformation Christopher Watney – CEO iFHP (UK)
09:20 – 09:50	HEALTH POLICY IN SA FROM 1994 TO NOW Towards convergence between public and private health financing Andrew Donaldson, Senior Research Associate Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) – University of Cape Town (UCT), Former Deputy Director-General of the National Treasury
09:50 – 10:20	CASE STUDY: Strategic Partnerships: Advancing Pulmonary Care Through Partnerships – relevant treatment of airway disease in SA in 2025 Dr Petrus Viviers, Pulmonologist
10:20 – 10:50	NETWORKING TEA - BREAK CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10
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Monday, 12 May 2025 (Plenary Session 2)

Programme Director: Moraki Mokgosana, BHF Board Member & CEO: BOMAID (Botswana)

SESSION OVERVIEW

This session will explore the diverse pathways countries are taking toward UHC, offering a layered analysis across global, regional, and national contexts. We begin with a comparative look at international health financing models, examining how countries around the world are progressing toward UHC—what's working, what's not, and the key lessons learned. Finally, the session will unpack proposals currently under consideration in South Africa, examining which models may be more adaptable and sustainable in the local context. By bringing together global evidence, regional experiences, and local innovation, this session offers a rich, fit-for-purpose perspective on how countries in the region can move toward inclusive, effective, and resilient health systems.

VENUE		CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
THEME: Pathways to UHC – Comparative Lessons and Contextual solutions		
10:50 – 11:20	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: What Works and Why: Comparing UHC Models Across the Globe Jonty Roland, Associate Director – Aceso Global (USA)	
11:20 – 12:10	BEYOND THE BLUEPRINT: Exploring Fit-for-Purpose Alternatives to NHI on the Road to UHC - Khulekani Mathe, CEO – BUSA - Dr Simon Strachan, CEO – SAPPF & Steerco Member: UHAC - Charlton Murove, Head of Research – BHF	
12:10 – 12:40	CASE STUDY: Holistic Management of Obesity from Cradle to Grave: Integrating Preventive and Curative Strategies in Universal Healthcare Systems Professor Partha Kar, Consultant Diabetes & Endocrinology – NHS England & GIRFT (UK)	
12:40 – 13:00	CASE STUDY: Exploring how lessons from diverse industries can inform innovative partnerships that accelerate progress toward UHC Carsten Schubert, Director, Sales & Operations – Transnova	
13:00 – 13:10	Q&A Session	
13:10 – 14:10	NETWORKING LUNCH	CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10

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Monday, 12 May 2025 (Plenary Session 3)

Programme Director: Dr Themba Hadebe,
BHF Board Member & Clinical and Managed Care Executive - Bonitas

SESSION OVERVIEW

Employee health and productivity are strategic priorities for employers, funders, and entities like the Compensation Fund. This session uses case studies to explore how partnerships among employers, medical schemes, providers, and government drive integrated care—reducing costs, improving outcomes, and boosting retention.

VENUE		CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
THEME: Partnerships for Employee Wellness – Building Inclusive, Productive Workplaces		
14:10 -15:20	Panellists Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Beyond Compensation: Building a Proactive Approach to Employee Health & Injury Prevention Farzana Fakir, Acting Commissioner – Compensation Fund● The Workplace as a Health Hub: Redefining Employee Wellness Beyond Treatment Professor Spo Kgalamono, Executive Director – NIOH /NHLS● Smart Health Administration: Using Data & Partnerships to Drive Workplace Wellness Dr Nono Ledwaba-Mweli, Medical Director – Universal Care● Corporate Wellness as a Business Strategy: Investing in Employee Health for Higher Productivity Dr Penny Mkalipe, Chief Medical Officer – ESKOM Holdings● Case Study: Occupational Health in SAPS: Wellness and Mental Health Focus Dr. Malebo Majatladi, Senior Manager of Clinical Service – POLMED	
15:20	NETWORKING TEA-BREAK	CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10
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18:00 for 19:00 until 24:00 | The 10th Annual Titanium Awards Gala Banquet

DRESS CODE: “BLACK WITH A TOUCH OF GOLD”	CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
Master of Ceremonies: Dr Michael Mol, SAs TV Doctor	
Conferring the Awards: Prof Precious Matsoso	
Adjunct Professor at Sunway University & co-chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body for the development of a legal instrument, a Pandemic Convention – World Health Organization (WHO)	
<i>The 10th Titanium Awards gala banquet is kindly sponsored by Insight Actuaries & Consultants</i>	

Tuesday, 13 May 2025 (Plenary Session)

Programme Director: Francina Mosoeu, BHF Board Member & Principal Officer, SAMWUMED

SESSION OVERVIEW

Amid economic uncertainty and a shifting global funding landscape, this multi-sectoral panel will explore where investment is most urgently needed across the healthcare value chain—and how to attract it. As many countries progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through various models, leaders from healthcare will discuss what makes a health system investable and how to unlock equity through public-private partnerships and integrated care models.

Key Discussion Points:

- What do investors look for in uncertain healthcare markets?
- How can medical schemes invest strategically in the context of NHI?
- How can PPPs and integrated models unlock equity and scale?
- What makes a healthcare environment investment-ready?

VENUE		CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
THEME: Investing in the Health Value Chain – Catalysts for Scalable and Sustainable Delivery		
09:00 – 10:30	Panellists Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capital trends and what investors need to see in health markets Arun Kumar, Principal Investment Officer – African Development Bank ● The opportunities and challenges involved in scaling private hospital networks in the current environment Dr Dumani Kula, CEO – Busamed ● Investing in Intelligent Health Systems: How AI is Transforming Healthcare Delivery and Investment Priorities Huguette Diakabana, AI and Digital Health Advisor and Former Co-Chair – WHO Digital Health Technical Advisor Group (Switzerland) ● Strategic Investments for Medical Schemes in the NHI Era: Unlocking Opportunities for Future Relevance Michelle Beneke, Director – Michelle Beneke Attorneys Inc 	
10:30 – 11:00	NETWORKING LUNCH	CTICC 2 EXHIBITION HALL 9 AND 10

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Tuesday, 13 May 2025 (Streams 1-2)

STREAM OVERVIEW

These eight curated streams offer deep dives into priority areas shaping the future of healthcare. Designed to spark debate, share innovation, and challenge traditional thinking, each stream brings together thought leaders, implementers, and disruptors to accelerate progress toward resilient, equitable, and sustainable health systems. Most of the presenters featured in these sessions were selected through our Call for Abstracts, showcasing real-world experiences, research, and innovations submitted by professionals across the healthcare ecosystem.

STREAM 1 Venue: Watsonia & Bluebell 11h00-12h30	STREAM 2 Venue: Daisy/Freesia/Orchid 11h00-12h30
SESSION THEME Rare Diseases – transforming care <i>Session powered by:</i> AstraZeneca	SESSION THEME AI / Data
FACILITATOR: Charlton Murove, Head of Research – BHF Welcoming: Deepak Arora Country President African Cluster - AstraZeneca	FACILITATOR: Dr Themba Hadebe, BHF Board Member & Clinical and Managed Care Executive – Bonitas
TOPICS INCLUDE <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Public/Private Partnerships and the importance of a Multidisciplinary team in Rare Diseases Kelly du Plessis, CEO and Founder – RDSA● Rare Diseases Funding Models in MEA Markets Jennifer Jackson, MEA Director Government Affairs and Policy● The Case for whole Genome Sequencing in Clinical Practice Prof Chris Vorster, Director Centre for Human Metabolomics – North-West University	TOPICS INCLUDE <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Essential Health System Datasets for the Future of AI-Driven Healthcare Dr Setumo Mohapi, Group CEO – Digital Public Infrastructure Solutions (Pty) Ltd● AI-Driven Innovation: Transforming the Future of HIV and Chronic Disease Programmes Huguette Diakabana, AI and Digital Health Advisor and Former Co-Chair – WHO Digital Health Technical Advisor Group (Switzerland)● Data-Driven Decision-Making in Healthcare: Using predictive analytics and big data to optimise healthcare planning and resource allocation Dr Brian Ruff, Technical Strategist – PPO Serve
12:30 – 13:30	NETWORKING LUNCH (EXHIBITION HALL 9 & 10)

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Tuesday, 13 May 2025 (Streams 3-5)

STREAM 3 Venue: Plenary Hall 5 and 6 13:30 – 15:00	STREAM 4 Venue: Watsonia & Bluebell 13:30 – 15:00	STREAM 5 Venue: Daisy/Freesia/Orchid 13:30 – 15:00
SESSION THEME Addressing social determinants using benefit design	SESSION THEME Innovative Contracting	SESSION THEME Universal Health Coverage
FACILITATOR: Dr Nkateko Msimeki, GM, Health Policy and Medial Advisory Unit – Medscheme	FACILITATOR: Mike Wilson, BHF Board Member and Chairperson – BP medical scheme	FACILITATOR: Dr Ali Hamdulay, CEO – Metropolitan Health and BHF UHC committee member
TOPICS INCLUDE	TOPICS INCLUDE	TOPICS INCLUDE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Growth or redistribution as the solution to inequality and improving Social Determinants of Health Barry Childs, joint CEO – Insight Actuaries & Consultants ● Tackling the Burden of Disease & Social Determinants of Health, focusing on Climate Change and Healthcare Resilience: Understanding the impact of environmental shifts on health Dr Nontuthuzelo Thomas, Head of Providers: Health Product Development – Momentum Health ● Socioeconomic Determinants and Mental Health Outcomes: An Analysis from 2019 to 2023 Jacob Thenga, Actuarial specialist – GEMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Developing New South African Private Sector Maternity Care and Contracting Models: Findings from a deliberative dialogue and towards mapping a way forward? Professor Tanya Doherty, Professor – Health Systems Research unit (SAMRC) ● Transforming Palliative Care Through Value-Based Partnerships: A Case Study by Aligned and GEMS in South Africa Dr Lungi Nyathi, CEO – Aligned & Odette September, Manager: Hospital Benefit Management – GEMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does the future of the private sector funding hold Vishal Brijlal, Senior Country Advisor – CHAI ● The Future of Medical Schemes in an NHI/UHC Era: What role do medical schemes and private healthcare funders play post-NHI/UHC implementation? Lungile Kasapato, CEO – PPO Serve ● Do the current Private Sector Proposals compromise UHC in South Africa? Nabeela Cassim, Independent consultant – Genesis Analytics
15:00 – 15:30	Networking TEA BREAK (EXHIBITION HALL 9 & 10)	

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Tuesday, 13 May 2025 (Streams 6-8)

STREAM 6 Venue: Plenary Hall 5 and 6 15:30 -17:00	STREAM 7 Venue: Watsonia & Bluebell 15:30 -17:00	STREAM 8 Venue: Daisy/Freesia/Orchid 15:30 -17:00
SESSION THEME Fraud Waste and Abuse	SESSION THEME Finance, Actuarial and Health Economics Perspective	SESSION THEME Primary Care
FACILITATOR: Vusi Makanda, Manager – Bonitas	FACILITATOR: Heinrich Nashenda, BHF board member & Trustee – GEM Health Medical Aid Scheme (Namibia)	FACILITATOR: Dr Rajesh Patel, Head of Health systems strengthening – BHF
TOPICS INCLUDE <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Strengthening Healthcare Integrity: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships in Combating Corruption Thulani Mkhungo, Chief Risk Officer – Special Investigations Unit (SIU)● Shifting the Paradigm: From Recovery to Prevention in Combating Healthcare Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Michelle Beneke, Director – Michelle Beneke Attorneys● Rewiring Collaboration: Building a Healthcare System That Fraud Cannot Exploit Jan Bezuidenhout, Data Scientist – Riskcede	TOPICS INCLUDE <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The 25% Solvency Framework and Regulation 30 – Risk based capital – a strategic imperative for medical scheme resilience Botlhale Letsoalo, Principal Officer – Restricted Scheme● Case Study: The impact of regulation 30 on investment performance for medical schemes & risk based capital Vurhonga Rikhotso, Chief Financial Officer – Bonitas● Health Technology Assessments (HTAs): Unlocking Strategic Value in Medical Scheme Decision-Making Shelley-Ann McGee, Consultant, health economics and health policy – Insight Actuaries and Consultants	TOPICS INCLUDE <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Type 2 Diabetes Reversal: An Innovative Digital Solution in partnership with Medshield Medical Scheme Dr Shay Ganesh, Chief Medical Officer – Medshield● The Applicability of Tele-dentistry in Africa: A systematic review of systematic reviews Dr Tumi Mahlangu, Dental advisor – DENIS● Outcome Measurement in the Management of Diabetes and Hypertension: Insights from the Cimas Healthcare Model Dr Tsitsi Moyo, General Manager – CIMAS
17:00 Session closure & evening at leisure		

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Wednesday, 14 May 2025 (Closing Plenary)

Programme Director: Clement Manyathela – Television and Radio Broadcaster

SESSION OVERVIEW

This high-level session brings together industry leaders, healthcare strategists, and legal experts to explore how evolving policy and regulatory frameworks are shaping – and in some cases, stalling – healthcare transformation.

With rising costs, regulatory uncertainty, and growing workforce shortages, the healthcare environment is increasingly drifting away from the core principles of equity and solidarity.

The session will critically examine the impact of recent policy shifts, including the proposed NHI regulations, ongoing court cases, the block exemption, hybridisation of healthcare products, and the stagnation around the introduction of low-cost benefit options. Speakers will reflect on what has driven these changes, how the system can be redirected to prioritise inclusive access, and what it will take to create a regulatory environment that truly enables transformational partnerships.

VENUE		CTICC 2 HALL 5 AND 6
THEME: Creating an Enabling Environment for Transformational Health Partnerships		
09:05 – 09:35	The cheese Has Moved: Understanding the Shifting Foundations of Healthcare Financing Christoff Raath, Joint CEO – Insight Actuaries and Consultants	
09:40 – 09:55	Access Denied: The LCBO Stand-Off Siphosakhe Phakathi, Senior Associate – Werksmans Attorneys	
10:00 – 10:20	The Block Exemption Dilemma: Real Reform or Regulatory Theatre? Misha van Niekerk, Senior Associate – Adams and Adams	
10:25 – 10:35	The BHF NHI Legal Challenge Unpacked Helen Michael, Director – Werksmans Attorneys	
10:40 – 12:00	NHI in the Courts: Safeguarding the Future of Healthcare Access Panellists Include legal teams representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● BHF: Neil Kirby, Director – Werksmans Attorneys● SAPPF: Glenn Penfold, Partner – Webber Wentzel● SAMA: Elsabe Klinck, Managing Director – Klinck & Samuels	
12:00 – 12:20	Closing Ceremony & Vote of thanks Dr Katlego Mothudi, Managing Director – BHF	
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12:20 – 13:20	LIGHT LUNCH	



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BHF HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING TOOLS

BHF has developed tools tailored to strengthen our members' systems, aligning them with the evolving needs of the population

1

Benchmarking Tool:

Comparison dashboard highlights trends in the healthcare funding sector across Southern Africa. Key metrics include financial comparisons; utilisation of health services; chronic disease prevalence; quality of care and the costs of health services to the schemes. Risk profiles of schemes are also included.

2

SADC Tariffs Comparison:

Monitor tariff costs over time across SADC countries including Malawi, South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, eSwatini, and Zimbabwe. This comparative analysis helps in understanding regional healthcare cost dynamics.

3

PCNS Dashboards:

Access comprehensive PCNS data on healthcare providers and facilities per country. Gain insights into distributions of providers per population and demographic makeup of providers. These dashboards empower informed decision-making in healthcare provider selection and resource allocation.

4

Effective Coverage Assessment:

Measure both access to and effectiveness/quality of health interventions. Evaluate the percentage score indicating the proportion of an at-risk population receiving required interventions, adjusted for the quality of those interventions. This tool aids in gauging the impact of healthcare services on population health outcomes.

5

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Platform:

Combat healthcare fraud, waste, and abuse through our dedicated platform and portal. Utilize advanced analytics and reporting functionalities to identify and address fraudulent activities within the healthcare sector. Safeguard the integrity of healthcare services and financial resources with proactive measures.

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